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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

## **Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- ◆ The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
  - The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) 2a,2b,3b,7,8,11,12,16,17,29,30.
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## **SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

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## A-9859A PATENT APPLICATION

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY TO NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS, AND TRANSMITTAL OF CORRECTED FORMAL DRAWINGS

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Attn.: Drawing Review Section

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Sir:

Supplementing the Reply dated June 18, 2004 to the Notice of Missing Parts (copy of Notice attached), fourteen (14) sheets of corrected formal drawings are submitted herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-1165.

Respectfully submitted,

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